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SUBJECT: LOCAL PAPER CARRIES PROPAGANDA ARTICLE ATTACKING CIA, USG

REF: MAPUTO 451 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL DAILY "NOTICIAS" ON APRIL 24 CARRIED HALF-PAGE

ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE CIA IN ANGOLA," BY ONE GERARDO CESAR, UNIDENTIFIED. ARTICLE IS A HEAVY-HANDED PROPAGANDA PIECE, OBVIOUSLY NOT PRODUCED LOCALLY, WHICH ATTEMPTS TO SMEAR A NUMBER OF SENIOR USG OFFICIALS BY ALLEGING THEIR COMPLICITY IN "CIA PLOTS" IN CONGO, LATIN AMERICA, AND ANGOLA. THE THRUST OF THE ARTICLE IS THAT USG HAS LONG BEEN THE FORCE BEHIND HOLDEN ROBERTO AND JONAS SAVIMBI. ARTICLE THEN NAMES SENIOR USG OFFICIALS, ALLEGING THEIR CONNECTION WITH CIA, WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CONGO-ZAIRE" ANGOLA POLICY MATTERS SINCE 1960. AMONG THE OFFICIALS "IMPLICATED" ARE: FRANK CARLUVCI, WILLIAM SCHAUFLELE, CONFIDENTIAL

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MATHANIEL DAVIS, WILLIAM BOWDLER, ROBERT STEVENSON,

DEANE HINTON, AND LAWRENCE DEVLIN. IN ADDITION TO IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICERS, ARTICLE REHASHES OLD CANARDS AGAINST USG AND CIA: THAT CIA RESPONSIBLE FOR LUMUMBA MURDER, THAT USG RESPONSIBLE FOR SAG INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, THAT USG ORCHESTRATED ATTEMPT TO PREVENT RECOGNITION OF MPLA IN AFRICA, THAT USG SUPPORTED ROBERTO AND SAVIMBI, THAT USG ESPOUSED POLICY OF SECRET SUPPORT TO SAG.

2. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL WE FIND TIMING OF SUCH ATTACK AT ONSET OF SECSTATE KISSINGER AFRICAN VISIT MORE THAN COINCIDENTAL; WHILE IT MOOT POINT WHETHER USSR, OR GDR PLANTED ARTICLE (BOTH HAVE EQUALLY FREE ACCESS TO LOCAL PRESS), IT SEEMS LIKELY TO US THAT THIS ARTICLE, PLUS OTHER ANTI-CIA-ANTI-USG EXPOSES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS IN RECENT DAYS REPRESENT A CAMPAIGN TO ATTEMPT COUNTER FAVORABLE EFFECTS OF SECRETARY'S TRIP BY TRYING SMEAR USG IN AFRICA. WE WOULD EXPECT SIMILAR ARTICLES TO APPEAR IN PRESSES OF OTHER "PROGRESSIVE" STATES.

3. ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.
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